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Letter dated 4 June 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the pronouncement issued on 7 May 1998 by the Chamber of Deputies of the Congress of the Republic of Venezuela concerning the peace process in Western Sahara (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 18 and 90 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ramón ESCOVAR SALOM
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Pronouncement issued on 7 May 1998 by the Chamber of Deputies of the Congress of Venezuela concerning the peace process in Western Sahara

The Chamber of Deputies of the Republic of Venezuela,

Considering that the Republic of Venezuela, based on its respect for international law and for universally accepted principles such as that of the self-determination of peoples, has been following the process aimed at the organization of the referendum in Western Sahara,

Considering that the referendum process carried forward by the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) has devised appropriate methods for achieving this objective and has won the support of international institutions, as shown, inter alia, by the resolution on Western Sahara adopted by the European Parliament,

Considering that the Congress of the Republic of Venezuela, in line with the principle of peace, has supported and repeatedly called for United Nations initiatives to achieve peace in the region,

Agrees:

1. To express our support for and solidarity with the resumption of the activities of MINURSO in Western Sahara for the organization of the referendum in the region and for the establishment of a lasting peace;

2. To congratulate the European Parliament for having adopted a resolution on the subject that will help ensure the stability of international peace and security, which are among the purposes contained in the Charter of the United Nations;

3. To encourage the European Parliament to contribute, along with the United Nations Security Council, to the efforts to bring the peace process to a successful conclusion, including the resettlement of the Saharans under the supervision of international agencies and organizations;

4. To transmit the present Agreement to the Secretariat of the European Parliament and to Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations;

5. To publicize the present Agreement.

Done, signed and sealed at the Federal Legislative Building in Caracas on 7 May 1998, the one hundred eighty-eighth year of independence and the one hundred thirty-ninth year of the Federation.

(Signed) Ixora ROJAS
President

(Signed) Yamileth CALANCHE
Secretary